GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

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WAITING LIST FOR TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons on the waiting list for telephone connections of different categories in the country as on October 31, 2000, State-wise;

(b) whether any special efforts are being made to clear the backlog; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the telephone connections are proposed to be provided to all the wait listed persons in the country especially in Kerala?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS

(SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) As per annexure.
(b) & (c): The Ninth Five Year Plan (1997-2002) of Department of Telecommunication envisagesto provide telephone connection to all the wait listed persons in the country including Kerala by 31.3.2002 with the participation of private sector complementing the efforts of the department.

ANNEXURE

STATE-WISE DETAILS OF CATEGORY-WISE WAITING LIST AS ON 31.10.2000

Sl. NO.	NAME OF STATE	OYT	N-OYT	TOTAL
1.	ANDHRA PRADESH	9	454722	454731
2.	ASSAM	0	27086	27086
3.	BIHAR	8	141791	141799
4.	GUJARAT	1	230471	230472
5.	HARYANA	6	91933	91939
6.	HIMACHAL PRADESH	4	42577	42581
7	JAMMU & KASHMIR	75	30414	30489
8.	KARNATAKA	405	313589	313994
9.	KERALA	6243	776932	783175
10.	MADHYA PRADESH	0	43035	43035
11.	MAHARASHTRA	68	440391	440459
12.	NORTH EAST	18	30158	30176
13.	ORISSA	1	41687	41688
14.	PUNJAB	261	202603	202864
15.	RAJASTHAN	38	124312	124350
16.	TAMILNADU	43	560479	560522
17.	UTTAR PRADESH	11	266344	266355
18.	WEST BENGAL	42	199948	199990
19.	DELHI	24	59944	59968
	TOTAL	7257	4078416	4085673

Note: Gujarat state includes Dadar Diu, Daman & Nagar Haveli (U.T.).Kerala state includes Lakshadweep (U.T.) Maharashtra state includes Goa and Mumbai. North-East telecom circle includes Arunanchal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya.Mizoram, Nagaland and Tripura state. Punjab state includes Chandigarh (U.T.). Tamil Nadu state includes Chennai and Pondicherry (U.T.). West Bengal state includes Calcutta, Sikkam & Andaman Nicobar (U.T.). Bihar state includes Jharkhand state. Madhya Pradesh state includes Chattisgarh state. Uttar Pradesh state includes Uttaranchal state.